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SUBJ: SENATOR FONROUGE TRAVEL TO US

REF: STATE 175942; SMITH TO ORTIZ LETTER OF JUL 8

1. SENATOR FONROUGE (POPULAR CONSERVATIVE PARTY) PLANS TO TRAVEL TO US AUG 17 AND BE THERE FOR ABOUT WEEK TO TEN DAYS. HE IS NOT ONLY CHAIRMAN OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, BUT IS ALSO OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR FREJULI. HE HAS BEEN HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY TO EMBASSY. WE WILL APPRECIATE ANY COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE WHICH CAN BE EXTENDED WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON.

2. FONROUGE IS ONE OF FEW POLITICIANS HERE WHO IS INTERESTED IN DRUG CONTROL PROBLEM. WE UNDERSTAND HE IS HELPING TO DRAFT LEGISLATION ON SUBJECT, BUT AHT--AND PERSONAL CONVICTION THAT THIS IS PROBLEM WHICH MUST BE SOLVED BEFORE IT BECOMES MORE SERIOUS ONE-- IS ONLY BASIS OF WHICH WE AWARE OF HIS INTEREST IN NARCOTICS MATTERS. WE WOULD HOPE AMBASSADOR VANCE WOULD STRESS NEED FOR STRONG GOA LEGISLATION. ONE OF MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS FROM ENFORCEMENT VIEWPOINT IS THAT GOA FEDERAL NARCOTICS POLICE, DESPITE TITLE, ARE BASICALLY LIMITED TO FEDERAL CAPITAL AND BEUNOS AIRES PROVINCE. FONROUGE HAS ASKED FOR INTERVIEW TIH SENATOR BAYH AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR VANCE. WE BELIEVE HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET OTHER SENATORS IF POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR BOWDLER AND APU DIRECTOR ORTIZ MAY ALSO FIND HIM INTERESTING LUNCHEON CAMPANION.

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